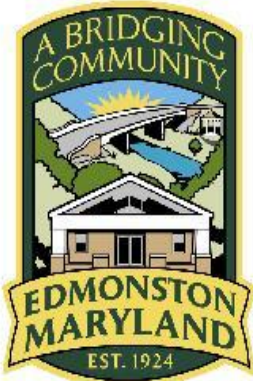


# EDMONSTON NEWS



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## ***Recent Legislative Actions by the Mayor and Council***

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***April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012***

1. Action to approve minutes of Legislative Meeting for month of October 2011. Motion made by CM Farrish, second by CM Pooley.  
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
2. Action to approve minutes of Legislative Meeting for month of November 2011. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish.  
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
3. Action to approve minutes of legislative meeting for month of December 2011. Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM Farrish.  
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
4. Action to approve minutes of legislative meeting for month of January 2012. Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee.  
Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

## ***Mayor's Report***

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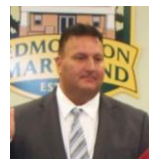
- Has anyone noticed that there is something missing from Decatur Street? Our Veteran's Park was removed. This was necessary in order to comply with the Army Corps of Engineers and Prince George's County levee project.
- This next Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the Prince George's County Chief's Association award banquet. The event will be held in the Gold Room, in the City of Glenarden Municipal building in Glenarden, Maryland.

- Also on Thursday, but at 7pm, will be the Port Towns Quarterly Meeting- it's our turn to host the meeting. It would be appreciated if all Council Members are present at this meeting.
- Next month Mr. Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, will give a short presentation on ATHA's upcoming events.
- The Town's budget will be presented to Council Members tonight.

## ***Informe Del Alcalde***

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- ¿Se ha dado cuenta que falta algo en la calle Decatur? Nuestro Parque de Veteranos fue eliminado. Esto fue necesario para así cumplir con el Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejército y el Condado de Prince Georges y el proyecto de diques.
- Este próximo jueves, 12 de abril será banquete de Reconocimientos de la Asociación de Jefe de Policía del Condado de Prince George. El evento se celebrará en Gold Room en la ciudad de Glenarden, Maryland.
- También en el jueves, pero a las 7 pm será el la reunión trimestral de los Port Towns - es nuestro turno ser los anfitriones. Se agradece a todos los miembros del Consejo que estén presentes.
- El próximo mes el Sr. Aaron Marcavitch, Director Ejecutivo de ATHA estará dando



nos una pequeña presentación sobre sus próximos eventos.

- El Presupuesto de la ciudad será presentada esta noche a los miembros del Consejo.

## ***Code Enforcement***

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Everyone's yard should be kept in good condition; after all it is an extension of your home. Here are some very important reminders for everyone:

Flowers are in bloom, trees have leaves, everything is growing, even the grass. Please remember to trim/cut your grass. Please also remember to pick up your grass clippings from the gutter as well. Our code states :

**Grass must be kept under 8 inches tall. Yards must be kept in good condition. Property owners are responsible for cutting the grass in front of property up to the street curb.**

Yard waste pick up is on Friday along with your recycling. Be sure to have branches tied up in bundles, your grass clippings should be placed in bags, and not in the street/or in the sewer. If you are caught by one of our officers, you can be issued a citation.

Bulk Trash is picked up on every Wednesday. In order to be placed on the schedule you must call Bates (our trash company). After you scheduled your pick up, items are taken outside on the Tuesday night before. The Town is provided with a list of all scheduled addresses. Our Code states that the exterior of all properties must **remain clear of clutter, trash, debris.**

Everyone can avoid getting a citation when the rules are followed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and we hope to see great improvement.

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## ***Aplicación de Código***

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Los patios deben mantenerse en buen estado; ya que es una extensión del hogar. Por lo cual le estamos aquí presentado unos recordatorios bien importantes para todos:

Las plantas están floreciendo, los árboles tienen hojas, todo está creciendo, incluso la grama. Recuerde por favor córtala, como también tienes que recoger la orilla de la calle. Nuestro Código establece que: **La grama /hierba debe mantenerse no más alto de 8 pulgadas de alto. Todos los patios deben estar en buenas condiciones. Los dueños de propiedad son responsables en mantener y cortar la grama frente de su propiedad hasta llegar a la calle.**

La basura de patio se recoge los viernes, con la basura regular. Las ramas tienen que estar cortados y amaradas en paquetes. Los recortes de la grama puesta en bolsas/ fundas. Los recortes de la grama deben ser recogidos y no tirados al alcantarillado, ni a la calle. Si es sorprendido, realizando este acto puede llevarse una multa.

La basura abultada es recogida en todos los miércoles. Usted tiene que llamar a Bates (la compañía que recoge nuestra basura) para que sea añadido a la lista. El martes por la noche, coloque los artículos a ser recogidos a la orilla de la calle. Bates nos provee una lista de las direcciones que están anotados. Animamos a todos a hacer uso de este servicio de basura. Nuestro Código establece que toda propiedad **debe estar recogido, libre de basura, escombros.**

Todo el mundo puede evitar una citación cuando se siguen las reglas. Agradecemos su colaboración.

## **TRASH COLLECTION QUICK GUIDE**

GARBAGE	TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
BULK TRASH	WEDNESDAY- ONLY BY APPOINTMENT! CALL BATES TO BE PLACED ON LIST (301)773-2069 BY TUESDAY
YARD WASTE	WEDNESDAY - ALL BRANCHES MUST BE TIED INTO BUNDLES. GRASS CLIPPINGS IN BAGS ONLY.
RECYCLING	FRIDAY

## **GUIA RAPIDA PARA PROGRAMA DE BASURA**

BASURA	MARTES Y EL VIERNES
BASURA ABLUTADA	MIÉRCOLES ¡SOLAMENTE POR CITA! LLAMAR A BATES PARA ANOTARSE EN LA LISTA (301) 773-2069
BASURA DEL PATIO	MIÉRCOLES - TODAS LAS RAMAS DEBEN SER ATADAS EN PAQUETES. LOS RECORTES DE LA GRAMA PUESTA EN BOLSAS SOLAMENTE.
RECICLAJE	VIERNES

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***The Town Administrator Informs:***

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Proposed Budget for 2012-2013

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
General Government	\$ 327,677	\$ 281,332
Police Department	\$ 732,970	\$ 734,621
Public Works	\$ 265,315	\$ 271,928
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$ 75,418</u>	<u>\$ 45,508</u>
Totals:	\$ 1,403,380	\$ 1,333,688
Revenue:	\$ 1,403,380	\$ 1,339,358
Surplus:	-----	\$ 5,690
Proposed Tax Rate (Same as Current Rate):		<u>\$ 0.60 per \$ 100 Assessed</u>
Proposed Business Personal Property Tax Rate:		<u>\$ 1.50 per \$ 100 Assessed</u>

Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available to the public  
On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Town Hall

**Meeting Notice:**

Budget Hearing – All are invited	May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 at 7:00 pm
Final Budget Adoption	June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 at 7:00 pm

**All meetings will be held in the Town of Edmonston, Town Hall**

*Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting. Your comments can also be submitted in writing. Please send them to the attention of our Town Administrator Mr. Guy Tiberio by mail or by email to [gtiberio@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:gtiberio@edmonstonmd.gov)*

## ***From the Office of the Chief of Police***

*The following is a list of activities officers initiated or received a call requesting service or assistance.*

<b>Police Department</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>Total for Year</b>
Arrests	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Drive While Intoxicated Arrests	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Maryland Moving Violations Issued	<b>67</b>	<b>170</b>
Parking Citations	<b>20</b>	<b>69</b>
Recovered Stolen Autos	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
Traffic Violation Warnings	<b>71</b>	<b>234</b>
Vehicle Impounds	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>
Vehicle Safety Repair Orders	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>
Warrant Service Arrest	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Accidents	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
Armed Suspects	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Assaults	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Assist Fire Dept/Other Agency/Code Enforcement	<b>36</b>	<b>83</b>
Burglar Alarms	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>
Breaking & Entering Residential	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Breaking & Entering Commercial	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Carjacking	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Check on Welfare of Resident	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Customer Dispute Call	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
Death Investigation Call	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Disorderly Persons	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Domestic Disturbance	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>
Fight in Progress	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
Hold up Alarm	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Homicide	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Identity Theft	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Juvenile Complaints	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Landlord Tenant Dispute	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Loud Noise Complaint	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
Robbery	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Security Checks of Premises	<b>200</b>	<b>589</b>
Calls for Sounds of Gunshots	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Stolen Auto Reports	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Suspicious Persons	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
Suspicious Vehicles	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>
Theft Reports	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>
Calls for Unknown Trouble	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Vandalism Reports	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Calls for 911 Hang-ups	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Miscellaneous	<b><u>77</u></b>	<b><u>157</u></b>
Total Calls for Service	<b>164</b>	

<b>Code Enforcement Activity:</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>Total for Year</b>
Verbal Warnings Issued	<b>40</b>	<b>74</b>
Parking Tickets Issued	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
Municipal Citations Issued	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Enforcement / Warning Letters or Notices Issued	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
Citizen Contact - Complaints or Assistance	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
Stop Work Orders Issued	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Animal Complaints Investigated	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
Successful Compliances	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>
Ongoing / Follow-up Investigations / Enforcement	<b>22</b>	<b>43</b>
Impounded Vehicles	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Abatements	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
Total Code Violations	<b>86</b>	<b>136</b>

## *Loud Music, Loud Parties*

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It's 11:00 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and you are having a party. You have 100 of your closest friends over and your stereo or band (Hopefully not) is playing so loud that they can hear you in Hyattsville and Riverdale. The police come to your door and ask you to turn it down. You agree but as you head out to the back yard to visit some more with your friends, someone else turns the music back up to eardrum shattering level and the neighbors start complaining again. What can you expect?

The Town of Edmonston Police Department wants you to enjoy your party and have a good time. We are also committed to the preservation of peace and good order in our community. If the Edmonston Police receives calls for loud music, loud parties or other noise complaints we will respond. This is how we will handle it.

The first time we respond to your residence we will ask you to lower the music. We will respond a couple of more times and do the same. If we respond more than three times in the same night to one residence (or business) for excessively loud noise or music we will likely issue a citation or make a physical arrest. We will also request neighboring police departments to accompany us to the residence and order the party closed and escort all persons from the residence. Please don't let this happen to you.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and ask you to work with the Edmonston Police Department by having reasonable parties that do not disturb your neighbors.

If you are unsure of what is allowed please contact the Edmonston Police Department at 301-699-8805.

## *Música Ruidosa, Fiestas Ruidosas*

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Son las 11:00 P.M. del 4 de fin de semana de julio y usted tiene una fiesta. Usted como tiene 100 amigos en su hogar y su estéreo o banda (esperemos que no) está tocando excesivamente alto que pueden ser oído en Hyattsville y Riverdale. La policía viene a su puerta y le pide que usted que baje el volumen. Usted acede pero mientras usted se dirige a compartir con las amistades nuevamente, pero otra persona la vuelve a subir los vecinos comienzan a quejarse otra vez. ¿Qué puede usted esperar?

El Departamento del Policía desea que usted disfrute su fiesta y pase un rato agradable. A igual que estamos comprometidos con la preservación de la paz y orden en nuestra comunidad. Si recibimos llamadas de música alta, fiestas ruidosas u otras quejas del ruido responderemos. Serán atendidas de esta forma.

La primera vez que respondemos a su residencia pediremos que usted baje la música. De esta misma forma se atenderá en 3 ocasiones. Ahora bien si tenemos que responder una 4ta ocasión, la misma noche a una residencia (o al negocio) para el ruido o música excesivamente fuerte se le dará una citación y/o pueden ser arrestado. También solicitaremos ayuda a otros departamentos de policía cercanas acompañarnos a la residencia para a paralizar la fiesta y escoltar a todas las personas de la residencia. No deje por favor esto sucederle.

Le deseo un verano seguro y agradable y pido que usted trabaje con el Departamento de Policía de Edmonston teniendo fiestas razonables que no incomoden a sus vecinos. Si usted está inseguro de lo permitido, por favor comuníquese con nosotros 301-699-8805.

## ***Suspicious Persons or Vehicles:***

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When to call Police:

No police department can function effectively without the concerned assistance of responsible citizens. We are depending on you to call us and tell us whenever you observe suspicious persons, activities or motor vehicles. ***When we work together we will make our community very safe.***

Some people fail to call the police simply because they are not aware of what seemingly innocent activities might be suspicious. Others may notice suspicious activity and be hesitant to call for fear of seeming a "nosey neighbor" or a "crank." Still others may take it for granted that someone else has already called.

Call the police immediately about all suspicious activity and do it yourself - anonymously if you wish. (However, many court cases today require a named caller to allow police to meet the reasonable suspicion requirement.) Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded. Think what might have happened if you didn't call!!

What is suspicious? "People aren't suspicious, behavior is!" Anything that seems even slightly "out of place" for the area or during the time of day it occurs. Obvious things to watch for and report include:

- A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
- A scream anywhere might be serious.
- Anyone peering into parked cars.
- Anyone removing accessories, license plates or gasoline from a car should be reported.
- Persons entering or leaving a business place after hours may be a burglar.
- The sound of broken glass or other loud bangs or unusual noises.

- Persons loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas or in your neighborhood may be sex offenders.
- Persons moving around your neighborhood who do not live there. Such as someone going door-to-door.

Some not so obvious clues: Not every stranger who comes into your neighborhood is a criminal. There are many legitimate door-to-door salesmen, repairmen and servicemen moving around your neighborhood. But criminals do take advantage of this by assuming the identity of legitimate business representatives. After all, if a criminal looked like a criminal no one would have any trouble finding him! Here are some situations involving people you might see and what their actions might mean:

- Someone going door-to-door in your neighborhood. Watch for a while. If, after a few houses are visited, the person tries a door to see if it is locked or goes into a back or side yard, it could be a burglar.
- Someone waiting in front of a house or business is suspicious if the owners are gone, or the business is closed. This could be a lookout for a burglary in progress.
- Anyone forcing entrance to or tampering with a residence, business or vehicle is suspicious anytime, anywhere.
- A person running, especially if carrying something of value could be leaving the scene of a crime.
- Carrying property could be suspicious too, if it's at an unusual hour or in an unusual place, and if the property is not wrapped as if it were just purchased.
- A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms may be injured, under the influence of drugs or

otherwise needing medical or psychiatric assistance.

- Heavy human traffic to and from a certain residence is not suspicious unless it occurs on a daily or a regular basis especially during late or unusual hours.

When vehicles are involved:

- Any vehicles moving slowly and without lights, or following a course that appears aimless or repetitive is suspicious in any location.
- Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more persons are especially significant if observed at an unusual hour.
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables are suspicious if parked in front of closed businesses or unattended residences, even if the vehicle is a legitimate looking commercial vehicle.

Information we will need:

- Is anyone injured?
- What happened?
- When and where?
- Vehicle license plate number.
- The direction the suspect ran to.
- Description of persons and or vehicles.

When describing suspects, notice age, race, sex, height and weight. Compare your height and weight to theirs. Look for some unique characteristic that will help to identify the suspect later. An obvious indicator, such as an obvious piece of clothing, allows a quick identification by police.

Call us immediately when anything suspicious occurs! If you have any questions or information at 301-699-8805

## *What is a "feral" cat, anyway?*

"Feral" animals are members of domesticated species (such as cats, dogs, or horses) that have reverted to a wild state. When we speak of feral cats, we're usually talking about the offspring of unsprayed/unn neutered pet cats who strayed from home or were abandoned. These kittens are born outdoors and don't have any contact with humans, so they grow up "unsocialized" – basically, they're wild animals, just like squirrels or raccoons. This differentiates them from "stray" cats – former pets that once had a home but were either lost or abandoned.

Feral cats are usually very fearful of humans. They cannot be petted or picked up, and will definitely swat or bite if they feel threatened or cornered, just like any other wild animal. But mostly they just want to stay as far away from people as possible.

Feral kittens who are rescued before 8-10 weeks of age can usually be socialized and become friendly to people, and occasionally older kittens and cats can become somewhat socialized. But this is a VERY long and intensive process. For this reason, it is impossible to place adult feral cats into pet adoption programs. Besides, feral cats already have a home – outside. That's where they were born and have spent their whole lives. They generally manage to find reliable sources of food and shelter, where they'll group together into colonies.

The concept of trap-neuter-return (TNR) was developed as a humane way to manage these colonies and prevent the breeding that leads to even more feral cats. With TNR, cats are caught with humane box traps, spayed/neutered and vaccinated, and then released back where they were found to live out their lives under the eye of a watchful human caretaker who



provides food, water and shelter as necessary. Feral cats that have been “TNRed” are usually ear-tipped, meaning that the tip of one ear (usually the left) is clipped while the cat is under anesthesia. This makes it easier to visually identify TNRed cats from a distance after they’ve been released.

Spaying and neutering feral cats not only prevents more kittens from being born, but also reduces the nuisance behaviors often associated with feral colonies – spraying/marking by males, fighting, noisy mating encounters, etc.

Sometimes feral cats are living in an area that is unsafe or unsuitable, such as a building that is about to be demolished or near a busy road. Although it is always preferable to release feral cats back where they were living, in these instances a colony might have to be relocated. This is only done as a last resort and a period of acclimation, where the cats are kept confined in crates in their new territory, is required.

In general, humans have absolutely nothing to fear from feral cats. They do not “attack” people; in fact, most want nothing to do with people at all. (Although, like any wild animal, they might bite or scratch if they feel cornered and threatened.) Cats that have been TNRed are vaccinated for rabies, and usually one vaccination provides enough immunity for the lifespan of a typical feral cat.

Keep in mind that it can sometimes be difficult to tell if a cat is feral or not before it is trapped. Cats that live on the street often have lots of bad experiences with people, so even tame and friendly cats can come to assume that all humans mean them harm and become very fearful. And some tame cats are just naturally timid and shy. So don’t assume a cat is feral just because it runs away from you.

## ***Earth Day***

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Residents from the Town of Edmonston along with those of our neighboring Town of Riverdale Park are encouraged to volunteer cleaning up the Anacostia River, on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, for Earth Day 2012 at the Riverside Park off of Taylor Road and Riverside Drive from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

For more information please contact the Town of Riverdale Park’s Public Works Director- Mr. Leonard Addison at 301-864-1803 or via email at [laddison@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:laddison@riverdaleparkmd.gov)



## ***Explore the Route 1 Corridor by Bus***

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Route 1 is experiencing a renaissance and the Route 1 Ride (*TheBus* 17) can take you to every part of it. The Route 1 Ride goes from Mount Rainier to IKEA, and comes every 30 minutes to a bus stop near you. Avoid the hassles of traffic and parking; get there quickly and inexpensively by taking the Route 1 Ride.

Visit [www.route1ride.com](http://www.route1ride.com) for more information

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*The Mayor and Council express their deepest condolences to the Murphy family for the death of Mr. George Murphy of Gallatin Street. .*

*Mr. Murphy was well known in the Town for his commitment to the Share Program, and to the Town. May he rest in peace!*



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**Calendar**

April 21 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Day	
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day	
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:00pm
	Public Hearing Budget	

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